

SOCCER IN THE UNITED STATES



In this radio programme you are going to listen to the following words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

reward

something you get because you have done something good

soccer

the American word for football

draw

a game that ends with both teams or players having the same number of points

READY?

Now read the questions. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

INTRODUCTION

Presenter Welcome to *Sports Galore*. In today's programme we're going to talk to our sports correspondent for the US, Sam Bolano, about soccer in the United States. Soccer's becoming a lot more popular in the States now, isn't it Sam?



Now listen to the rest of the interview.

Choose the best answer: a, b, or c.

- 1 Soccer started to become popular in the US in the ...
 - a 1970s.
 - b 1980s.
 - c 1990s.
- 2 The US Major Soccer League played its first season in ...
 - a 1993.
 - b 2000.
 - c 1996.

- 3 The arrival of famous foreign players ...
 - a has helped make the sport more popular.
 - b has increased the amount of money spent on advertising.
 - c has not made any difference to the sport's popularity.
- 4 The US women's team ...
 - a is superior to the men's team.
 - b is the same level as the men's team.
 - c is inferior to the men's team.
- 5 The US Major Soccer league is particularly popular in ...
 - a big cities.
 - b rural areas.
 - c regions with a lot of Latin American immigrants.
- 6 What special rule did the US Major League introduce and later eliminate?
 - a Matches could not be drawn.
 - b They shortened the matches by ten minutes.
 - c They divided each match into four parts.
- 7 What could be done to make it more popular?
 - a Show more games on television.
 - b Play it more in schools.
 - c Stop playing American football.
- 8 What is the main factor slowing down the growth of soccer in the US?
 - a There are too many other sports.
 - b It's played at the same time as other sports.
 - c Schools are not interested in promoting it.